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Vanaspathi mills.

* 175 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of vanaspathi mills in the Province and where they are located;

(b) their total annual output;

(c) the quantity imported into our Province from other Provinces;

(d) the quantity exported from our Province to other Provinces; and

(e) whether the Government propose to grant licences for starting new vanaspathi factories in the Province?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" (a) Two. One at Madras and the other at Mettur Dam.

" (b) 5,400 tons.

" (c) About 2,400 tons per annum.

" (d) About 600 tons per annum.

"(e) The Government have already permitted the starting of nine new vanaspathi factories of a total production capacity of 45,000 tons per annum in this Province. They do not propose to permit further new factories pending the result of the investigation undertaken by the Government of India on the nutritive value of vanaspathi."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether in the proposed nine new Vanaspathi factories, the Government Factory at Calicut is included?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I think it is not included."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know if there is any proposal to colour the products of these factories in order that they may not be used for adulterating ghee?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I would like to have notice of this question."

The Government Labour Officer at Walparai.

* 176 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is a Welfare or Labour Officer of the Government at Walparai and who he is, and how long he has been there?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" No, Sir. The headquarters of the Labour Officer for the plantations in Coimbatore, Salem and Madura districts is Pollachi. The post is yet unfilled."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, why there has been such a delay in posting the officer when the post was actually sanctioned?"